

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as allegedly anticipated by Kisiel '586 is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 defines a data visualization system used in conjunction with one or more other process management systems. Among other things, claim 1 defines a request input which receives data visualization service requests from other process management systems. In other words, applicant's claimed system is separate from the process management systems which are being monitored by the applicant's system which is capable of providing visualization data illustrating performance of those monitored computerized process management systems.

Accordingly, even at the very outset of claim 1, it is clear that applicant's invention cannot possibly be anticipated by Kisiel '586.

For example, except possibly for the Kisiel system itself, there is no mention in Kisiel of any other (i.e., monitored) process management systems. Instead, Kisiel simply describes a computerized application program which assists users in researching particular topics of interest. The program runs on a single computer (e.g., see Figure 42 at column 3, lines 29-67). The various passages cited by the Examiner really only relate to searching for and then filtering data from various data sources. Such passages have nothing to do with service definitions defining service requirements in relation to respective data visualization service requests from other process management systems. In short, the words used in the Examiner's discussion appear to

come from the applicant's claims but not from or supported by the cited references to passages in the Kisiel '586 reference.

Since there is such a fundamental failure of Kisiel '586 to teach or suggest virtually any single limitation of applicant's claim 1, it is not believed necessary to detail all such deficiencies at this time. That is, it will be noted that both independent claims 1 and 7, inter alia, require the claimed method/apparatus to interact with other process management systems and to provide visualization services which are descriptive of the processes ongoing in those other process management systems. Kisiel '586 is so dissimilar from any such distributed arrangement of process management systems being connected to a common visualization monitoring system that it is difficult to perceive any realistic comparison between the applicant's claimed inventions and anything that is disclosed in Kisiel '586.

Attention is also drawn to new claims 10-18. The data visualization system of new independent claim 10 requires, inter alia, storing and visualizing data generated during use of a remote process management computer system, a visualization service definition store which stores a set of data visualization service definitions which each comprise a data visualization service identifier and data inputs required for provision of such visualization services. A visualization service request input is also required for receiving data visualization service requests from a remote process management computer system. A data input also receives data from that remote process management system. A data visualization service request processing means accesses a visualization service identifier in a received data visualization service request. A service identifier processor then selects a service definition from the service definition store in

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accordance with the access service identifier. Data inputs from the remote process management systems are stored as required for provision of data visualization services associated with a given visualization service identifier.

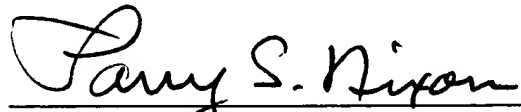
New independent method claim 11 and new independent distributed computer system claim 12 also require, in one way or another, interface with remote process management computer systems. New dependent claims 13-18 add yet further features to the system of claim 12.

Accordingly, all pending claims are now believed to be allowable over the cited art and a formal Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully solicited.

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